

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Administrative Office	(2) MEETING DATE 4/22/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Geoff O'Quest 781-5011	
(4) SUBJECT Request to receive and file the response from the Sheriff-Coroner to the Grand Jury's 2013-14 report "Forensic Investigations in San Luis Obispo County: The SLO County Crime Lab, The SLO County Coroner's Office." All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board receive and file response from the Sheriff-Coroner to the Grand Jury's 2013-14 report "Forensic Investigations in San Luis Obispo County: The SLO County Crime Lab, The SLO County Coroner's Office.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { X } Consent   { } Presentation   { } Hearing (Time Est. ____ )   { } Board Business (Time Est. ____ )			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS { } Resolutions   { } Contracts   { } Ordinances   { X } N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: { } 4/5 Vote Required   { X } N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY { X } N/A   Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW This item was prepared by the County Administrative Office.			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Administrative Office / Geoff O'Quest  
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SUBJECT: Request to receive and file the response from the Sheriff-Coroner to the Grand Jury's 2013-14 report "Forensic Investigations in San Luis Obispo County: The SLO County Crime Lab, The SLO County Coroner's Office." All Districts.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that your Board receive and file response from the Sheriff-Coroner to the Grand Jury's 2013-14 report "Forensic Investigations in San Luis Obispo County: The SLO County Crime Lab, The SLO County Coroner's Office."

## **DISCUSSION**

On March 27, 2014, the Grand Jury issued a report on "Forensic Investigations in San Luis Obispo County: The SLO County Crime Lab, The SLO County Coroner's Office." This report presents the 2013-14 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury's inquiry into the conditions and management of the San Luis Obispo County Crime Lab and San Luis Obispo County Coroner's Office. The Grand Jury found San Luis Obispo County has equipment, processes and trained personnel to ensure accurate forensic results in Crime Lab and Coroner cases.

The report contains one finding and one recommendation. The report requires a response from the Sheriff, which is attached to this staff report. The report does not require a response from the Board of Supervisors.

**Finding #1:** The Crime Lab is housed in a facility that is cramped and over-crowded.

**Recommendation #1:** The space for the Crime Lab should be expanded or the Crime Lab moved to a larger facility.

The response from the Sheriff is due to the Presiding Judge by May 26, 2014. No response is required from the Board of Supervisors. The County Administrative Office procedures include coordinating the departmental responses to Grand Jury reports and preparing recommended responses on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. The departmental responses to this Grand Jury report are attached and, where appropriate, incorporated as the Board's response.

## **OTHER DEPARTMENT INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

The Grand Jury visited the Crime Lab and Coroner's Office and was briefed by the staff of those facilities on their operation and procedures. Additional information was obtained through follow-up communications with the Sheriff, detectives, and both Crime Lab and Coroner's Office personnel. The County Administrative Office reviewed the response to the Grand Jury report prepared by the Sheriff in the development of the recommended Board response to this report.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no financial considerations associated with this item.

## **RESULTS**

This response will meet the legal requirements and time frames for responding to a Grand Jury report with findings and recommendations.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Sheriff's response to the Grand Jury's 2013-14 report "Forensic Investigations in San Luis Obispo County: The SLO County Crime Lab, The SLO County Coroner's Office"
2. Grand Jury's 2013-14 report "Forensic Investigations in San Luis Obispo County: The SLO County Crime Lab, The SLO County Coroner's Office"